Amount allocated for passenger amenities

1433. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the amount allocated for passenger amenities by the Railways for the year 1987-88;

(b) the amount allocated for Eastern Railways and South Eastern Railway for the purpose; and

(c) the details of projects/programmes completed in West Benagl under this scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

A new Train between Delhi/New Delhi and Howrah

1434. SHRI NARAYAN KAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the continuous increase in passenger traffic on Delhi/New Delhi-Howrah section;

(b) whether a new mail or superfast train is proposed to be introduced thereon; and

(c) if so, when and the details thereof; and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Not at present.

(c) Introduction of any additional train is not presently feasible due to lack of spare line capacity and paucity of terminal facilities at both ends.

DTC Bus Routes plying between Pratap Nagar to Central Secretariat

1435. SHRI PRITHIBI MAJHI: Will the Minister of SURFACE TRANSPORT be pleased to state:

(a) the number and details of DTC Bus routes between Pratap Nagar to Central Secretariat, New Delhi and their to and from frequencies;

(b) the number of scheduled trips missed on each of these routes during the month of January and February, 1988; and

(c) whether the staff posted at Pratap Nagar Terminal do not pay any heed to the mising of trips on these routes and do not put in any other spare bus for convenience of the commutess to enable them to maintain punctuality and if so, the reasons therefor and what action Government propose to take against such DTC officials posted at Terminals who put the commuters to avoidable harassment and refuse to help them?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SURFACE TRANSPORT (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Route No. 95 is operating between Partap Nagar and Central Secretariat with a frequency of 13/26 minutes.

(b) Number of scheduled/missed trips of route No. 95 during the months of January, 1988 and February, 1988 are given hereunder:—

Month	Scheduled	Missed
January, 1988	3314	851
February, 1988	3044	933

(c) Inspectorate staff have instructions to take every care of the requirements/compalints of commuters. However in view of various opertional constraints and traffic jams, the chances of missing trips cannot be en-

tirely ruled out. Curtailment/diversion of any other trip to a particular trip is not considered desirable as such a step would in turn affect other commuters.

Introducing short distance passenger trains

1436. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to introduce more short distance passenger trains and increase the frequency of existing trains to relieve the pressure of passengers on long distance trains; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Railways policy is not to introduce sectional trains for short distance traffic which is more economically served by road transport. However, proposals for medium distance inter-city trains are considered on the basis of traffic justification and availability of the requisite facilities.

Cancellation of trains

1437. SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that railways had cancelled some trains from 15-1-88;

(z) if so, what are the details thereof; indicating the reasons for cancellation;

(c) if so, what steps are being taken to ease the traffic on these routes; and

(d) when these trains are likely to be re-introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. Due to seasonal drop in passenger traffic during the Winter Months, transportation of essential commodities POL and drought relief materials, and other operational reasons, the following trains have been temporarily cancelled from 15-1 1988:—

(1) 17/18 Madras-Jammu Tawi Janta Express.

(2) 937/938 Ahmedabad-Cochin Weekly Express.

(3) 65/66 Tiruchirapalli-Cochin Express.

(4) 307/308 Ernakulam-Cannanore Express.

(5) 49/50 Howrah-Amritsar Express (partially between Mughalsarai-Amritsar).

(c) Alternative services are available on the routes covered by these trains.

(d) These trains will be restored/reorganised in the forth-coming Summer Time Table.

Unmanned Railway level crossing

1438. SHRI NEPALDEV BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to man all the unmanned Railway level crossings in the country to reduce the Railway accident;

(b) if so, what is the number of such crossings, manned during 1987-88 zone-wise; and

(c) what is the number of such crossings to be manned during 1988-89, zone-wise?